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## Convicted Felon Charged in 43-Year-Old Murder Case

A felon serving time for a double murder pleaded not guilty yesterday to the 1972 murder of a 79-year-old woman in her apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Harold Holman (dob 7/19/46) returns on March 2 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center to set a date for his preliminary hearing in case BA432938. He is being held without bail.

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman with the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

Holman is charged with the Aug. 27, 1972, murder of Helen Meyler. She was bludgeoned to death in her bed with a blunt object. DNA evidence connected Holman to the murder, Silverman said.

Holman is currently serving a 45-year prison sentence for a double murder and a string of high-rise residential burglaries in the 1980s.

If convicted as charged, he faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.